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SUBJ: CAMBODIAN PROTESTS AGAINST VC/NVA ATTACKS

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1. IN PAST 2 DAYS EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED 3 CIRCULAR NOTES ADDRESSED TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, CONSULS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING VC/NVA ATTACKS. NOTES AS FOLLOWS (UNNECESSARY WORDS AND COMPLIMENTARY OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS OMITTED) WITH REQUEST THEY BE PASSED TO GOVTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

NOTE NO 377/DGP/FNL: "...DURING NIGHT APRIL 6-7 AT 2120 DEFENSIVE POSITION OF CAMBODIAN ARMY IN CHIPHOU, SVAY RIENG PROVINCE, VIOLENTLY ATTACKED UNTIL DAWN BY SEVERAL THOUSANDS OF VC. PRELIMINARY TALLY OF LOSSES SUSTAINED DURING ATTACK ESTABLISHED AT: 20 CAMBODIAN SOLDIERS DEAD; 23 SOLDIERS WOUNDED; 1 SOLDIER MISSING; 1 AUTOMATIC PISTOL DAMAGED, 3 AUTOMATIC PISTOLS, AND VARIOUS OTHER EQUIPMENT LOST.

VC/NVA FORCES LOST ONE HUNDRED KILLED AND WOUNDED, WHOM

CARRIED AWAY.

MINISTRY ASKS DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, CONSULS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO INFORM THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS OF THIS NEW CRIMINAL AGGRESSION DELIBERATELY PERPETRATED BY VC/NVN TROOPS AGAINST CAMBODIAN ARMED FORCES, WITHIN CAMBODIAN TERRITORY, IN CONTEMPT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PLACING IN DANGER PEACE AND SECURITY OF CAMBODIA AND SEA. CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT HOLDS NVN/PRG RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERIORATION IN SITUATION IN THIS PART OF WORLD AND RESERVES RIGHT TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO DEFEND

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SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY."

NOTE NO 378/DGP/FNL. "...WITH REFERENCE TO MINISTRY'S NOTE NO. 358/DGP/AP OF 1 APRIL 1970, HAS THE HONOR TO COMMUNICATE LOSSES SUFFERED BY KHMER FORCES DURING ATTACK 31 MARCH 1970, AT 1300 NEAR SNUOL, IN KRATIE, AN ATTACK LAUNCHED BY THE VC/NVNA TROOPS: 3 SOLDIERS KILLED, INCLUDING ONE OFFICER; 4 SOLDIERS WOUNDED, 10 SERIOUSLY; 3 AUTOMATIC PISTOLS AND 1 RIFLE LOST.

THE MINISTRY AGAIN DRAWS ATTENTION OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO THIS CRIME DELIBERATELY PERPETRATED BY THE VC/NVNA FORCES AGAINST CAMBODIAN ARMED FORCES WITHIN CAMBODIAN TERRITORY, THUS DEFYING UN CHARTER, INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND THE GENEVA ACCORDS, AND PLACING IN DANGER PEACE AND SECURITY OF CAMBODIA AND SEA."

NOTE NO 387/DGP/FML: "...AND HAS THE HONOR TO MAKE KNOWN TO THEM THE FOLLOWING:

DURING NIGHT OF 8-9 APRIL 1970 AT 2300 HOURS, VC/NVNA FORCES ESTIMATED AT 100 MEN, ATTACKED FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR POSITION OF KHMER ARMED FORCES IN SAMRON THOM, LOEUK DEK DISTRICT, KANDAL PROVINCE, HELD BY A COMPANY OF INFANTRY. MORNING APRIL 9, MIXED ELEMENTS OF CAMBODIAN DEFENSE FORCES, DURING PURSUIT AND MOPPING UP OPERATION IN INFESTED ZONE, GRAPPLED WITH VC/NVNA ELEMENTS AT DAI DOS TO THE NORTH OF SAMRONG THOM. THE LATTER WERE AIDED IN THE FIGHT BY LONG-TIME VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS IN THESE AREAS.

AFTER BRIEF ENGAGEMENT, VC/NVNA FORCES WITHDRAW TOWARD SOUTH LEAVING 18 DEAD.

THE CAMBODIAN DEFENSE FORCES LOST ONE KILLED AND

(#) WOUNDED AMONG KHMER POPULATION.

DURING NIGHT OF 9-10 APRIL 1970, ACCOMPLICES OF VC/NVNA ATTEMPTED FOR THE FIRST TIME TO SABOTAGE CENTRAL RAILROAD STATION IN PHNOM PENH.

THE INTERVENTION OF DEFENSE COMMANDOS OF THE RAILROAD AND SOLDIERS PREVENTED THE SABOTEURS FROM EXECUTING CRIMINAL PROJECT AND FORCED THEM TO FLEE. NEVERTHELESS SOME SMALL MATERIAL DAMAGE CAUSED TO LOCOMOTIVE AND PORTION AUTO-RAIL CAR.

DURING NIGHT APRIL 9-10 1970 FROM 2340 UNTIL DAWN, CENTRE OF PRASAUT SITUATED ON NATIONAL ROUTE 1, 10 KILOMETERS FROM THE CHIEF TOWN OF SVAY RIENG, ATTACKED AGAIN BY VC/NVNA FORCES ESTIMATED AT SEVERAL HUNDRED COMBATANTS.

A COUNTERATTACK OF MIXED CAMBODIAN DEFENSE ELEMENTS, SUPPORTED

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BY ARTILLERY AND, AT DAWN, BY CAMBODIAN AIRCRAFT, CHECKED ATTACK OF VC/NVNA AGGRESSORS WHO WITHDREW LEAVING 12 DEAD. THE ACTUAL LOSSES OF THE ENEMY ARE ESTIMATED AT 50 KILLED AND WOUNDED.

DURING ATTACK, THE MIXED CAMBODIAN DEFENSE FORCES HAD 7 SOLDIERS WOUNDED, INCLUDING 2 OFFICERS, AND 4 WOUNDED AMONG THE CIVILIAN DEFENDERS.

APRIL 11, 1970, AT 0500, MIXED ELEMENTS OF THE CAMBODIAN DEFENSE FORCES LAUNCHED A SWEEP OPERATION IN THE REGION NEXT TO PRAK TRABEK RIVER, 1800 METERS SOUTH OF CENTER OF KOMPONG TRABEK, PREY VENG PROVINCE, A REGION IN WHICH ALMOST ALL INHABITANTS ARE VIETNAMESE AND WHERE A LARGE CONCENTRATION OF VC/NVNA TROOPS HAS BEEN MARKED WHO ARE SUPPORTED BY THESE VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS.

AN ESTIMATED 50 VC/NVNA FIRED ON THE KHMER ELEMENTS FROM ABANDONED HOUSES. BITTER COMBAT ENSUED BETWEEN CAMBODIAN DEFENSE FORCES AND THOSE OF VC/NVNA SUPPORTED BY LOCAL VIETNAMESE NATIONALS.

DURING ENGAGEMENT, CAMBODIAN SOLDIER WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

VC/NVNA LEFT 7 DEAD WHILE OTHER KILLED AND WOUNDED WERE CARRIED AWAY. THEY LOST 4 CHINESE AUTOMATIC PISTOLS AND 16 SACKS OF RICE AND THE HOUSES ABANDONED BY THE INHABITANTS DESTROYED.

SAME DAY, 11 APRIL 1970, THE CENTER OF PRASAUT WAS AGAIN ATTACKED, FOR THE THIRD TIME, BY VC/NVNA FORCES.

AT 1115 MIXED CAMBODIAN ELEMENTS COMPOSED OF TANKS AND INFANTRY ARRIVED TO DEFEND PRASAUT, WERE HARRASSED BY 50 VC/NVNA ABOUT 2 KILOMETERS TO THE EAST OF PRASAUT.

INTERVENTION OF THE CAMBODIAN ARTILLERY, LATER SUPPORTED BY CAMBODIAN AIRCRAFT, FORCED ENEMY TO WITHDRAW LEAVING ONE KILLED AND CARRYING WITH THEM SEVERAL OTHER DEAD AND WOUNDED.

MINISTRY ASKS THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS TO DRAW ATTENTION OF RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO SERIOUSNESS OF THESE CRIMINAL AGGRESSIONS WHICH INTENSIFY MORE AND MORE EACH DAY. THE ADVANCE OF VC/NVNA FORCES WITHIN CAMBODIAN TERRITORY AND THEIR ATTEMPTS AT SABOTAGE IN DIFFERENT IMPORTANT POINTS OF PHNOM PENH MENACE SERIOUSLY THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF ALL CAMBODIA AND SEA AT THE SAME TIME. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DETERIORATION OF SITUATION IN THIS PART OF WORLD RESTS SOLELY ON GOVT OF DRVN AND THE PRG OF SVN WHO SHAMELESSLY VIOLATE THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF NEUTRAL AND PEACEFUL CAMBODIA AND WHO TRAMPLE UNDER FOOT THE GENEVA ACCORDS OF 1954 AND THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS."

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